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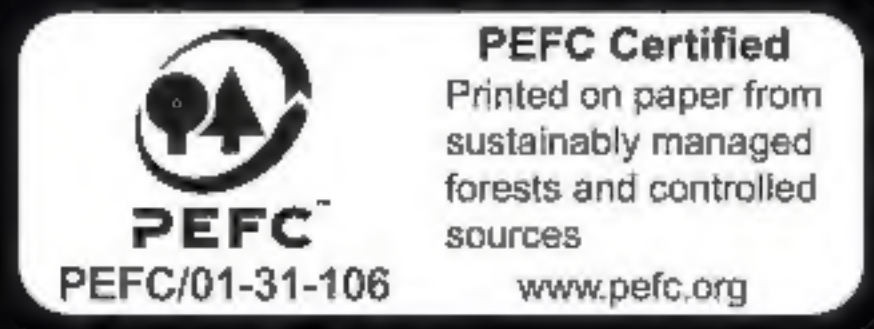
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WAYNE ENTERPRISES.

THIS IS  
YOUR PLAN,  
WAYNE?

WHEN  
**MORIARTY**  
FOUNDED THE  
**SILENT SEVEN**,  
CRANSTON, HE  
DIDN'T PLAN  
FOR FORENSIC  
ACCOUNTING.

HIS  
HOLDINGS  
HAVE SPREAD  
THROUGH THE  
MARKET SINCE  
HIS DEATH..

THE HIGHEST  
DENSITY OF  
MORIARTY LEGACY  
FUNDS IS WITH THE  
FIRM **MAXWELL-  
GRANT**.

# SHADOW/BATMAN: PART THREE

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THAT'S  
**SILENT  
SEVEN**  
MONEY.

SHALL  
WE PUT A  
MATCH TO  
IT?



WAYNE  
VENTURES SHORTS  
MAXWELL-GRANT  
CAPITAL.

NO  
EXPLANATION  
GIVEN.

MAXWELL-  
GRANT FORMERLY  
A LEADER IN  
COMMUNICATIONS.

MARKETS  
REACT TO  
EARLY MORNING  
MOVE.

WAYNE  
C.E.O. LUCIUS FOX  
COULD NOT BE  
REACHED FOR  
COMMENT.

LONG-  
STABLE STOCK  
PLUMMETING.

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WHAT  
DOES BRUCE  
WAYNE KNOW  
THAT WE  
DON'T?

OUR LEGACY  
HOLDINGS INFECT  
THOUSANDS OF  
SHELL COMPANIES.  
NO MORTAL MIND  
COULD UNCOVER  
THEM.

THE  
SHADOW  
WASN'T TRAINED  
TO SEE THE  
WORLD THIS  
WAY.

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WAYNE!





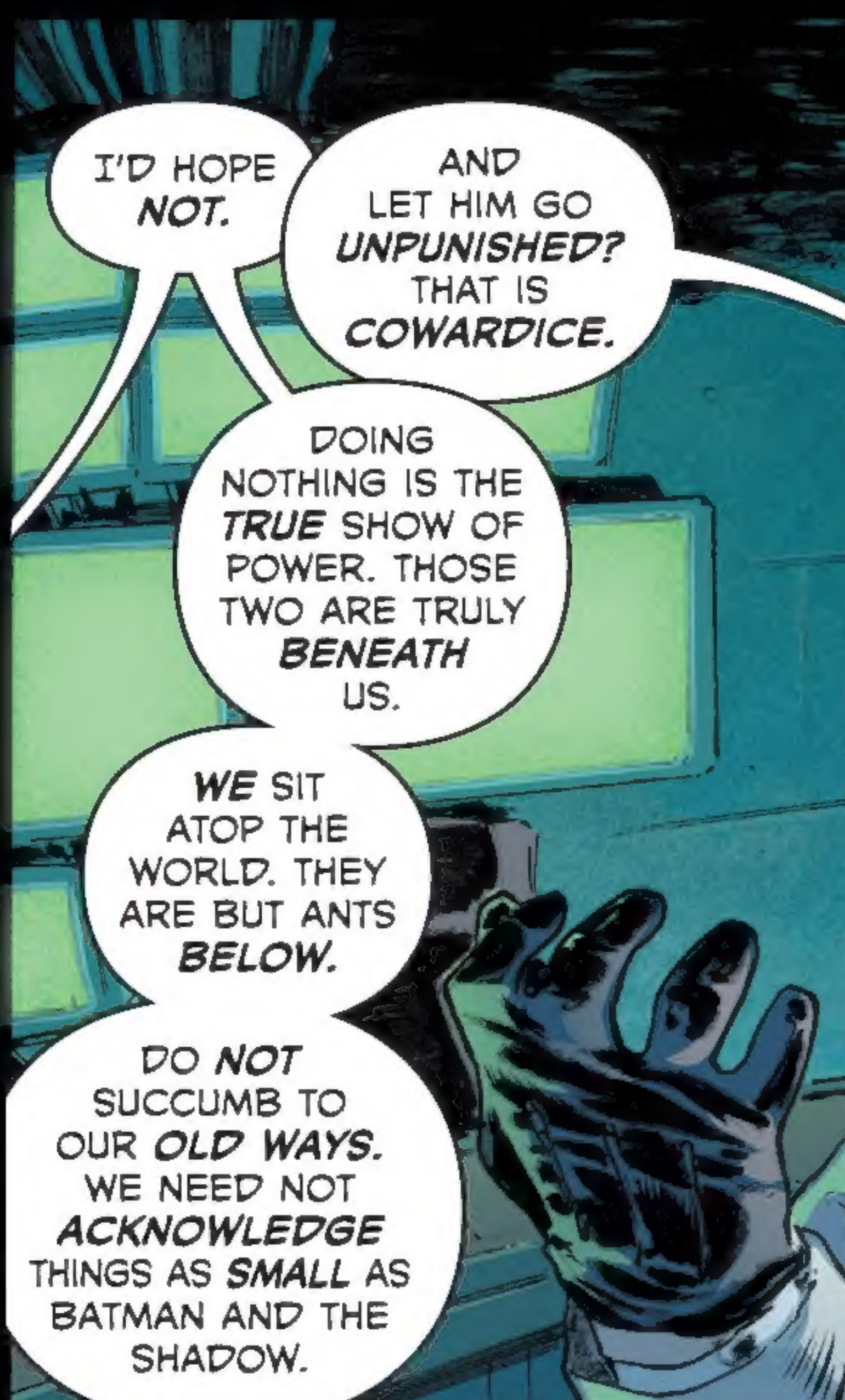
DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE **DETECTIVE**, KHAN.



YOUR **SHADOW** WAS AN UNPOLISHED IDEA THAT BATMAN **PERFECTED**.



...AN IDEA I'VE ALREADY BEGUN TO **DISMANTLE**.



I'D HOPE **NOT**.

AND LET HIM GO **UNPUNISHED**? THAT IS **COWARDICE**.

DOING NOTHING IS THE **TRUE** SHOW OF POWER. THOSE TWO ARE TRULY **BENEATH** US.

WE SIT ATOP THE WORLD. THEY ARE BUT ANTS **BELOW**.

DO NOT SUCCUMB TO OUR **OLD** WAYS. WE NEED NOT **ACKNOWLEDGE** THINGS AS **SMALL** AS BATMAN AND THE **SHADOW**.



MY ANCESTORS DID NOT NEARLY UNITE THE WORLD BY TOLERATING **DISRESPECT**, AL GHUL.

YOUR NEEDS DOVETAIL WITH MINE. WE UNITE THE WORLD **BENEATH** US, TO **GUIDE** IT TOGETHER...



BUT YOU DO NOT **KNOW** ME.



TO ALLOW THE **SHADOW** TO BELIEVE THAT HE'S DEFEATED THE **SILENT SEVEN**, EVEN **FALSELY**...





"...IT IS  
UNACCEPTABLE."

LITTLEMILL.  
1930.

OLD.

TO  
YOU.



...MY SON  
IS OUT THERE,  
CRANSTON.  
ALONE.

BECAUSE  
OF ME.

...AND YOU  
HAVE MY WORD  
WE WILL **FIND** HIM  
AND **STRANGLE**  
THE SILENT SEVEN  
WHERE THEY  
SLEEP.

IF IT  
WERE THAT  
**SIMPLE...**

THE BLACK  
GLOVE, THE  
COURT OF OWLS.  
I **THOUGHT** I  
KNEW **BIG**  
BEFORE...

BUT THE  
**ALTITUDE** OF  
THE SEVEN'S CRIMES  
IS SO GREAT, THEY'VE SO  
CONNECTED THEMSELVES  
WITH THE WORKING  
SYSTEMS OF THE  
WORLD...



...STOPPING THEM COULD GRIND THE **WHOLE WORLD** TO A HALT.

YOU ARE **PERCEPTIVE**. THE MOVEMENTS OF EVIL ARE SUBTLE AND VAST...

YET THE SILENT SEVEN MUST **STILL** BE ERADICATED.

THEY **WILL** BE, ONCE WE HAVE A **NEW SYSTEM** TO REPLACE THEIRS.

WE **WILL NOT SUFFER** THEM.

CRANSTON--

WE **WILL NOT!**

THE **SHADOW DOES NOT RATIONALIZE, MAN-CHILD!**

**ENOUGH, CRANSTON!**

...I **APOLOGIZE**, WAYNE. I AM NOT **MYSELF**.

I **DID** NOT EXPECT THIS ATTACK TO COME SO CLOSE TO MARGO LANE'S DEATH... **PERHAPS** KHAN DID.

I HAVE LIVED A LIFE OF **UNSPEAKABLE** ACTS. YET, SOMEHOW MARGO LANE **KNEW** WHO I WAS.

SHE WAS **DEFIANT** IN HER **BELIEF** IN LAMONT CRANSTON'S GOODNESS, IN **MY** GOODNESS.

BUT WITH HER GONE, WITH SHAMBA-LA GONE, THERE IS NO ONE LEFT TO RELEASE ME FROM... **THIS**.

I **WILL NEVER** BE FREE. THE END TO THIS MISSION WAS ALL I **HAD**, ALL I **WAS**. WITHOUT IT...?

I CAN'T **REMEMBER** WHO I WAS...

AND I... I DON'T KNOW WHO I **AM**...



AAAAA  
HHHHH  
MMMMM

...WHAT...

...WHAT  
IS THAT?

KRASH

--KNOW  
YOU'RE SILENT  
SEVEN.

JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>,  
1994.

A CAR  
ACCIDENT. YOU  
T-BONE A N.Y.P.D.  
CRUISER AT FULL SPEED.  
MIRACULOUSLY, YOU AND  
THE TWO OFFICERS  
SURVIVE.

...BUT YOU  
DIDN'T. I FOUND  
THE CRIME SCENE  
PHOTOS. **NO ONE**  
COULD HAVE  
SURVIVED THOSE  
INJURIES.

THOSE  
SAME TWO  
OFFICERS TRIED  
TO KILL ME. THEY  
WERE **DEAD**  
MEN. AND SO  
ARE YOU.

YOU  
CONTROL  
THESE DOCKS  
FOR THE **SILENT**  
**SEVEN**. I WANT  
TO FIND  
THEM.

SPEAK.

...SO,  
DAMIAN. YOU  
FOUND US.  
YOU REMAIN  
IMPRESSIVE  
AS EVER...

LET'S  
CUT TO IT,  
CAPTAIN  
WELLES. I  
KNOW  
YOU'RE--

IT'S A  
BIRD.

BADAM



...BUT YOU  
**FORGET** YOUR  
PLACE. WHAT WAS  
TRUE ONCE  
**REMAINS**  
TRUE...

YOU  
CONTINUE TO  
EXIST AT MY  
SUFFERANCE.

...NO.

IT'S  
**HIM.**





WAYNE MANOR.

...I THOUGHT  
YOU KNEW  
EVERYTHING.

THE MAN I *WAS*...IS  
*BEYOND* EVEN THE  
SHADOW TO KNOW.

THE *DEATH* OF  
CRIME MUST BE  
*ABSOLUTE*.

MY LOSS OF *SELF*  
IS BUT A SACRIFICE  
TO THAT *MISSION*.  
THAT *CURSE*.

YOU SAID  
*KHAN* KNEW  
SHAMBA-LA  
AND ITS POWERS.  
DOES HE SEE IT  
AS A CURSE?

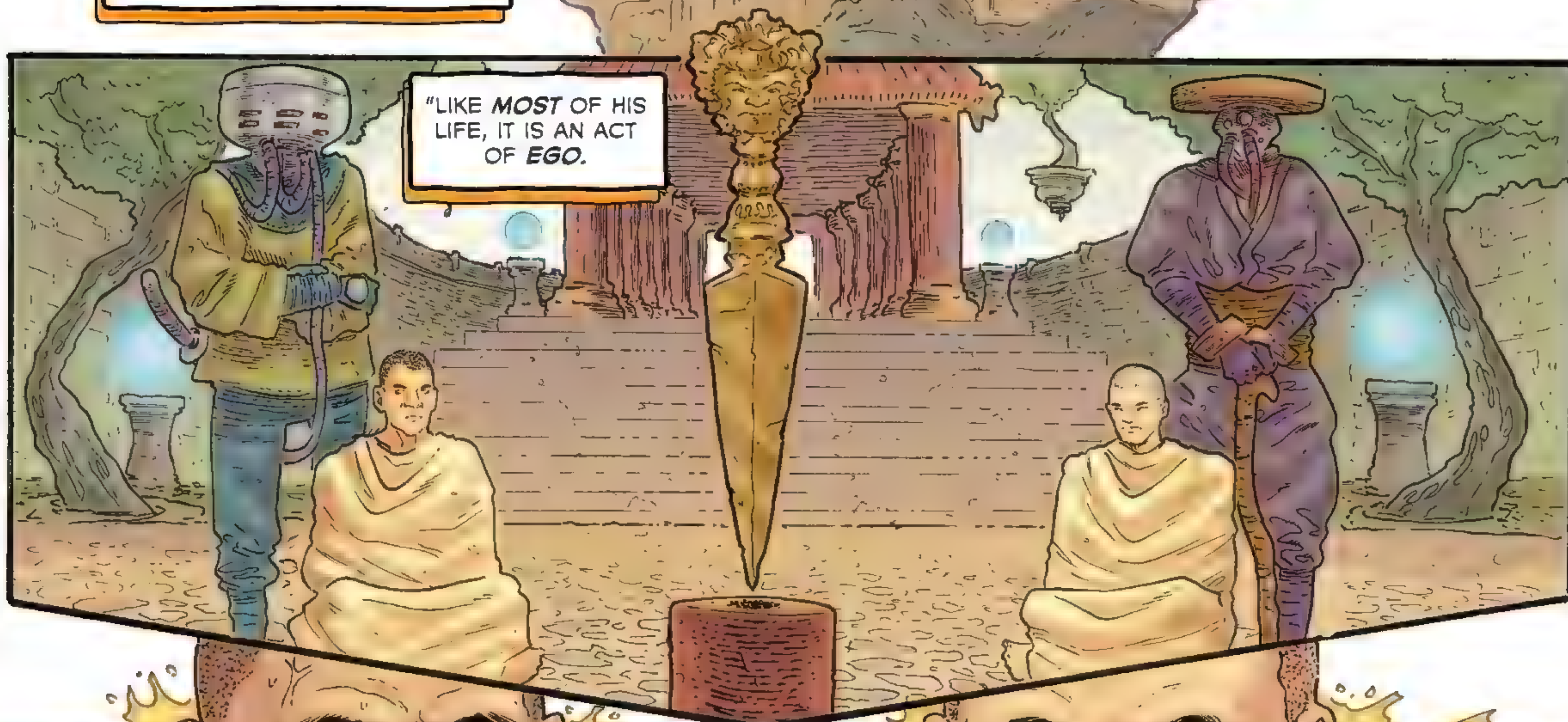
NO...NO...HE  
DOES NOT.

AND THOUGH *HIS* IS THE  
MOST POWERFUL MIND I  
HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED...



"...HE HAS SACRIFICED  
**NOTHING** FOR IT.

"SHIWAN KHAN *THINKS* HIMSELF THE  
**LAST** DESCENDENT OF GENGHIS  
KHAN. BUT *THOUSANDS* LIVE.

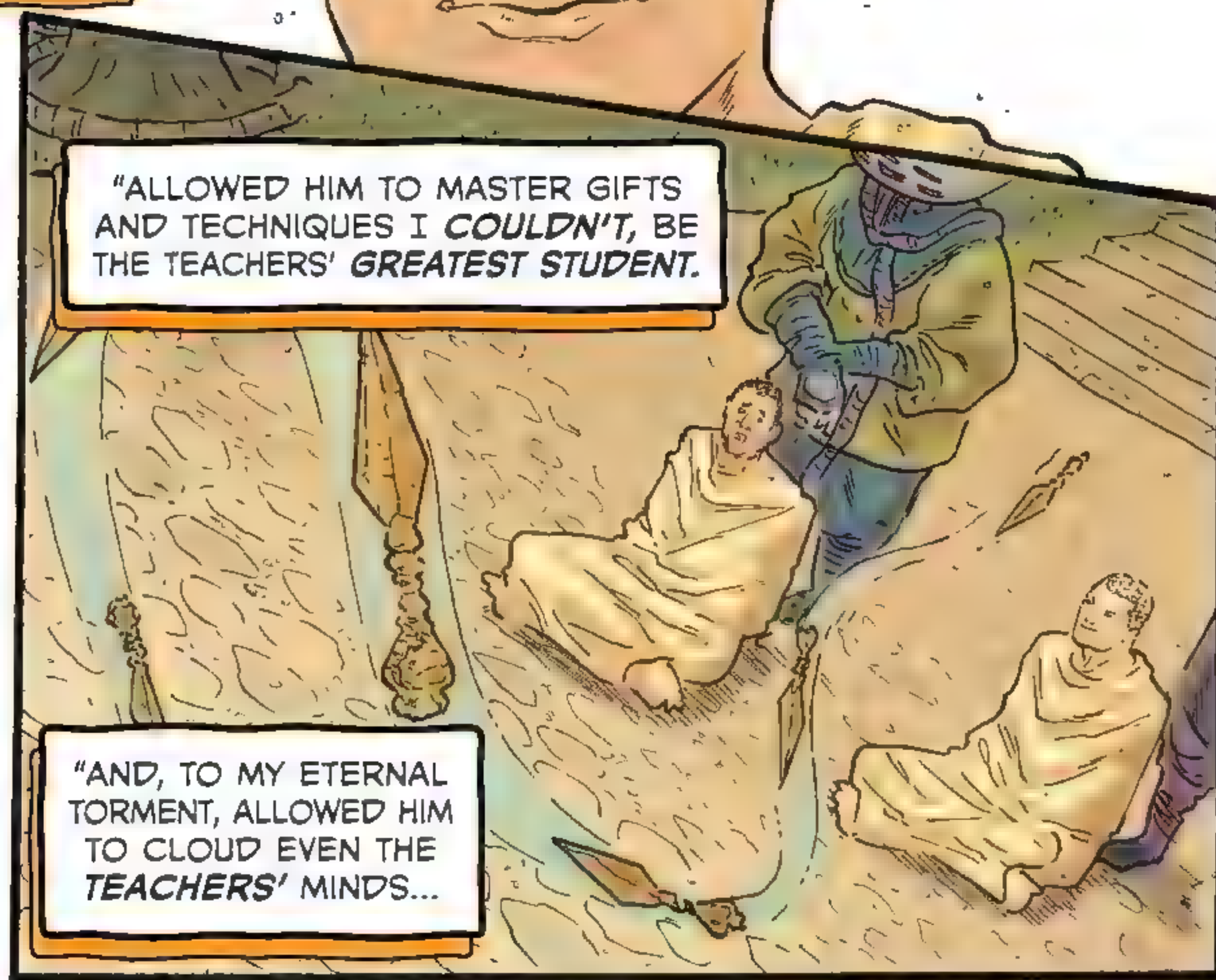


"LIKE *MOST* OF HIS  
LIFE, IT IS AN ACT  
OF **EGO**.

"EGO IS  
PERHAPS HIS  
GREATEST  
**STRENGTH**.



"IT ALLOWED HIM TO  
**RATIONALIZE** THE DEATH  
OF *THOUSANDS* TO GAIN  
ENTRY TO SHAMBA-LA.

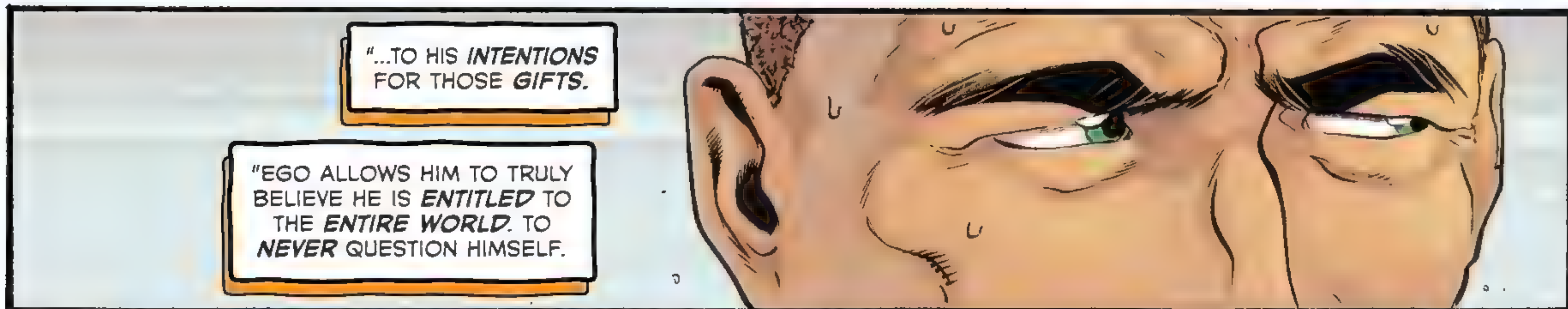


"ALLOWED HIM TO MASTER GIFTS  
AND TECHNIQUES I *COULDN'T*, BE  
THE TEACHERS' **GREATEST STUDENT**.

"AND, TO MY ETERNAL  
TORMENT, ALLOWED HIM  
TO CLOUD EVEN THE  
**TEACHERS'** MINDS...

"...TO HIS **INTENTIONS**  
FOR THOSE **GIFTS**.

"EGO ALLOWS HIM TO TRULY  
BELIEVE HE IS **ENTITLED** TO  
THE **ENTIRE WORLD**. TO  
**NEVER** QUESTION HIMSELF.



"HE WANTS US **ALL** AT  
HIS BOOT, BRUCE..."









YOU  
HAVE.





KHAN.

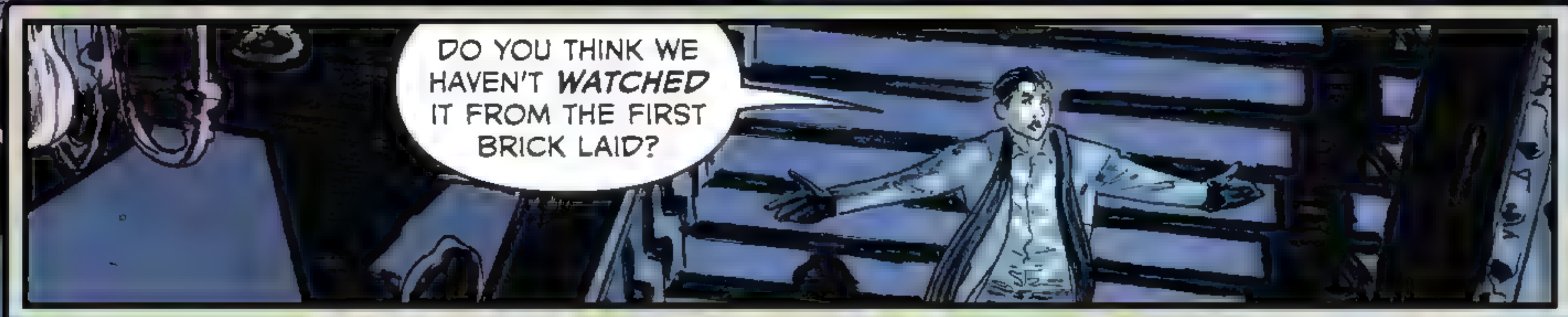


YOU LOOK  
**TERRIBLE**,  
YING-KO.



YOU **SHOULDN'T**  
HAVE COME HERE.

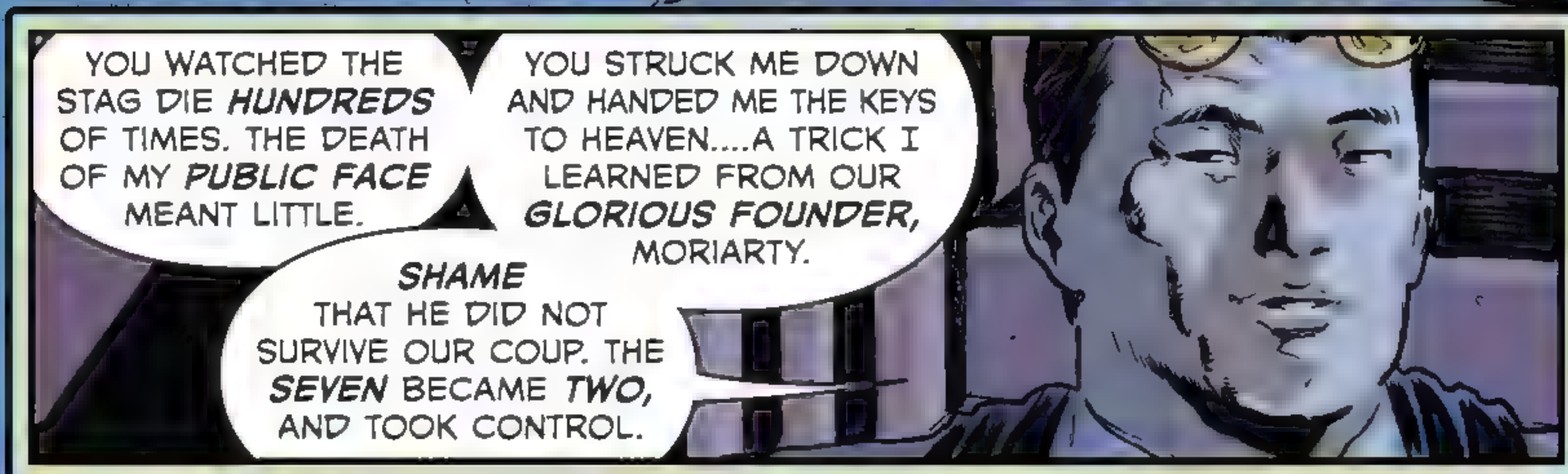
WHY, IS  
THIS PLACE  
SACRED?  
**SAFE?**



DO YOU THINK WE  
HAVEN'T **WATCHED**  
IT FROM THE FIRST  
BRICK LAID?



I WATCHED  
YOU **DIE**.



YOU WATCHED THE  
STAG DIE **HUNDREDS**  
OF TIMES. THE DEATH  
OF MY **PUBLIC FACE**  
MEANT LITTLE.

YOU STRUCK ME DOWN  
AND HANDED ME THE KEYS  
TO HEAVEN....A TRICK I  
LEARNED FROM OUR  
**GLORIOUS FOUNDER**,  
MORIARTY.

**SHAME**  
THAT HE DID NOT  
SURVIVE OUR COUP. THE  
**SEVEN** BECAME **TWO**,  
AND TOOK CONTROL.



...FOR  
**NOW**.



**PLEASE...**  
YOU SCHEDULE  
PLANS IN DAYS AND  
WEEKS INSTEAD OF  
GENERATIONS. YOU  
CALLED DOWN THE  
**INVISIBLE HAND**,  
YES...

**BUT**  
AFTER ALL  
THESE YEARS OF  
PERFECT, HIDDEN  
CONTROL, DID YOU  
TRULY THINK I'D  
REVEAL MYSELF  
**PUBLICLY?**



YOU WERE  
A *FOOL*...  
TO REVEAL  
YOURSELF  
AT ALL!

**BDAM**

NO!

"NO."

SO.

WE'VE  
STARTED,  
THEN?

I SEE YOU  
CONTINUE  
TO HIDE YOUR MIND'S  
FAILINGS WITH  
BULLETS.



WE'VE  
FINISHED,  
FILTH!

BDAM  
BDAM  
BDAM

ALFRED?  
INTRUDER  
IN THE MAIN  
HALL.

ACTIVATE  
DEFENSE  
PROTOCOLS. YOU  
AND THIS HOUSE  
NEED TO BE  
FIGHTING  
WITH US.

THINK, WAYNE.  
IF A *WEAKLING*  
LIKE THE SHADOW  
CAN CLOUD YOUR  
MACHINES, WHAT  
I CAN DO?

IT'S JUST  
US. I PUT YOUR  
HOUSE, AND  
YOUR SLAVE, TO  
*SLEEP.*

THEN  
*YOU'RE*  
NEXT.



NEW YORK.

IT'S  
YOU.

"NO ONE CAN PROTECT YOU.  
NOT YOUR AUNT. NOT YOUR  
MOTHER. NOT YOUR FATHER..."

"YOUR WORLD  
HOLDS BUT **ONE**  
TRUTH, BOY.

"...YOU CONTINUE  
TO EXIST AT **MY**  
SUFFERANCE.

"DO NOT  
**FORGET**  
THAT."

ALL THE  
**MADNESS...**THE  
**ATTACKS...**THE TIMES  
I WATCHED YOU DIE  
AND RETURN...ALL  
**DISTRACTIONS** WHILE  
YOU STRENGTHENED  
YOUR TRUE POSITION  
OF POWER...



A dramatic comic book panel showing Robin, dressed in his iconic red and black suit with a yellow 'R' on his chest, holding a large, gleaming sword high above his head. He is looking down at Batman with a determined and intense expression. Batman, in his dark suit, is positioned in the lower foreground, looking up at Robin with a grimace. The background is a simple, dark interior with vertical lines suggesting a wall or door frame.

BUT NO  
MORE.

I'VE LONG  
HELD THE SWORD  
YOU GAVE ME,  
GRANDFATHER. THE  
BLADE THAT TAUGHT  
ME THE TRUTH OF  
MY WORLD.

...IT'S TIME I  
RETURNED IT  
TO YOU.





WAYNE MANOR.



YOU'RE JUST LIKE HIM, KHAN. I CAN FEEL YOU IN MY MIND.



CHEATING.



ABSURD, WAYNE. I HAVE A RIGHT TO YOUR MIND--

--AS I DO ALL THINGS.



THIS INCLUDED, WRETCH!



YOU ARE--



--A CANCER--



--ON HUMANITY--

--KHAN. REGROW AS--



--YOU MIGHT--



--I WILL TEAR YOU--



--FROM THE MINDS OF THE INNOCENT!

STARTING WITH YOUR THROAT.

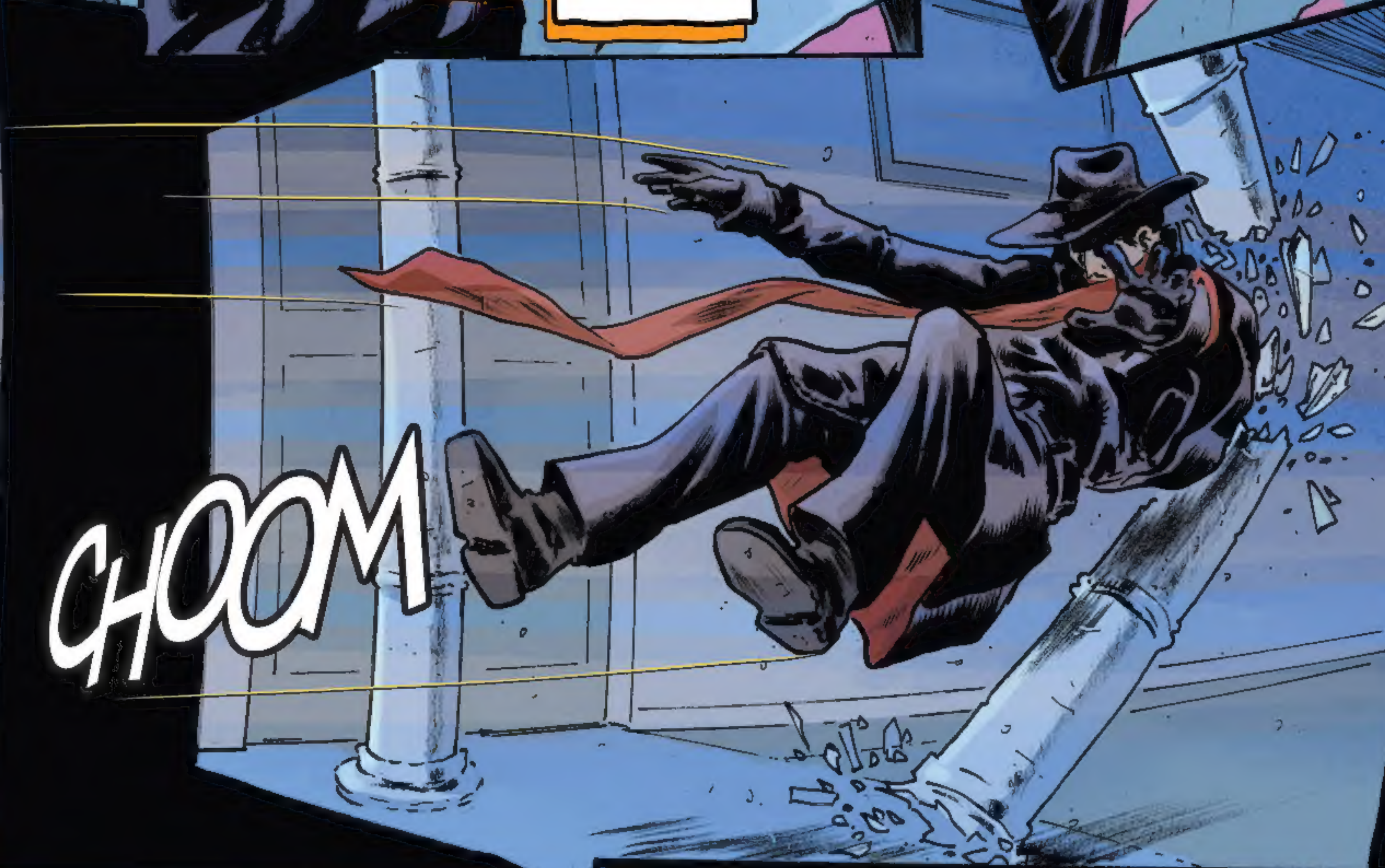


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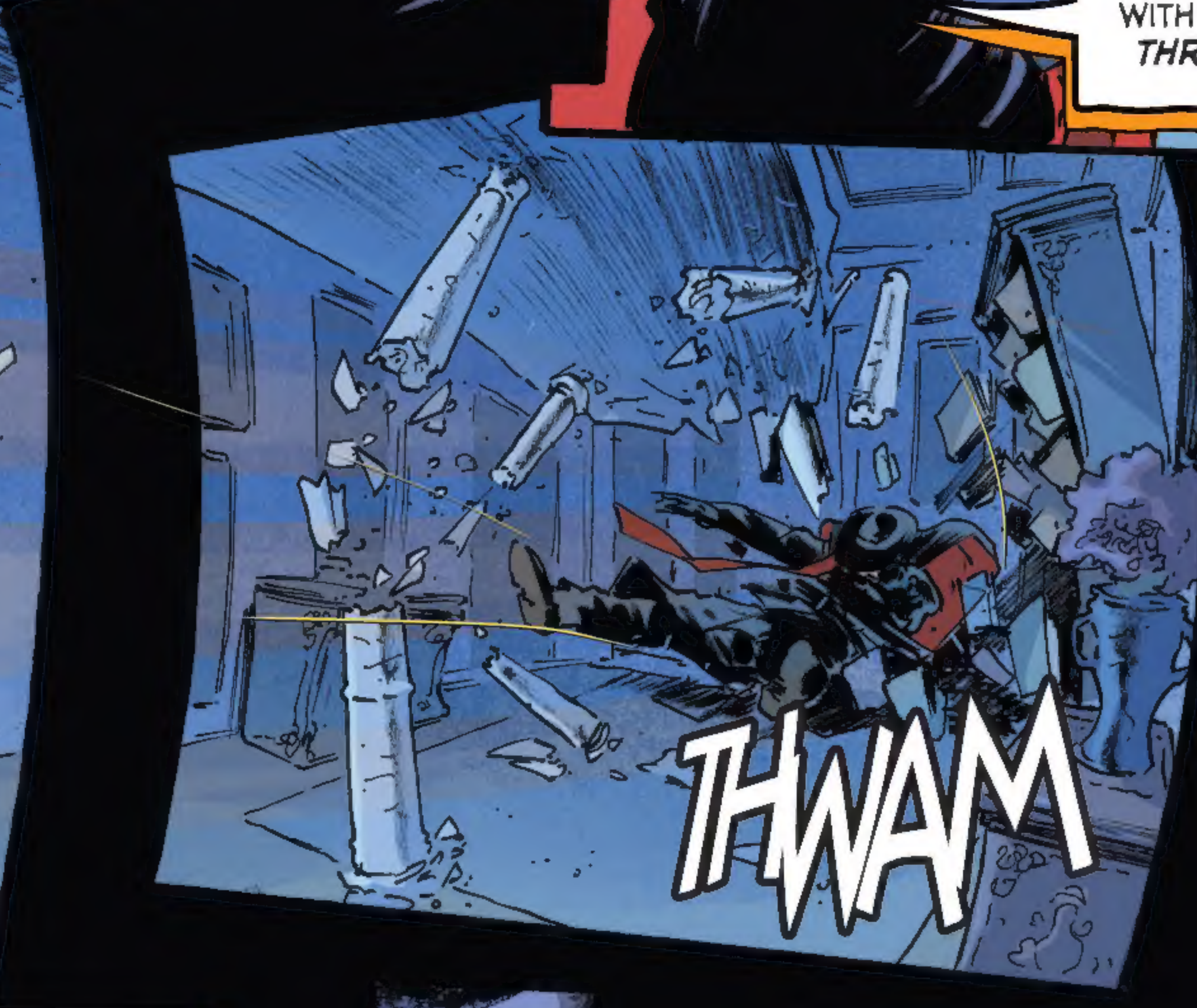
YOU WILL RELEASE ME, WEAKLING!



WMP



CHOOM



THWAM



I WILL RELEASE YOU, KHAN.



FROM THIS WORLD.



YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD THE EDGE IN BRUTALITY, YING-KO. BUT THAT IS ALL.



FWD



THE HIGHER ARTS ELUDED YOU THEN AS THEY DO NOW.

YOU REMAIN A PARROT RECITING SHAKESPEARE...

YOU ARE NOT TRULY A MASTER OF MEN...



...BECAUSE YOU CANNOT MASTER YOURSELF.





DAMN YOU, WAYNE! HE HAS YOUR MIND!

YOU COULD HAVE DOMINATED BATMAN LONG AGO, YING-KO.

BUT NO. YOU LACK THE CONVICTION OF GREAT MEN, AS YOU ALWAYS HAVE.

YOUR GREATEST STUDENT IS *MINE* TO CONTROL, BECAUSE HIS TEACHER WAS A SELF-SHAMING COWARD.



HOW..?

I THOUGHT YOU WERE A *DETECTIVE*, BRUCE. THE PIECES ARE ALL THERE.

THE STAG STABBED YOUR HEART. YOU DIED A SLOW, WALKING *DEATH*.



DID YOU REALLY THINK *MAGIC MONKS* SAVED YOU?

*I'VE* BEEN WORKING THROUGH YOU SINCE THAT MOMENT... AS WITH ALL MY *DEAD MEN*.



ISN'T IT *OBVIOUS*?



YOU  
NEVER  
CAME BACK  
FROM THE  
DEAD.

***NEXT: DEAD KNIGHT DETECTIVE?***





## NEXT ISSUE

The veins of the Silent Seven have bore their way into the very heart of modern society. Their every move can be hidden, and there is no move that can be made in secret from them. And that includes Batman and the Shadow. When one of the Seven invades Wayne Manor, a horrifying revelation casts Batman's entire mission in doubt. The only one that can save him? The Shadow. But can the Master of Men liberate both Wayne Manor and the Dark Knight's mind without losing his own?

## DYNAMITE ENTERTAINMENT SIGNS MEREDITH FINCH TO PEN NEW XENA SERIES!

### PROUDLY ANNOUNCES EXTENSION OF XENA: WARRIOR PRINCESS PUBLISHING DEAL

Dynamite Entertainment, a leading publisher of English language comic books and graphic novels, is proud to announce the extension of their publishing deal with NBCUniversal Television Consumer Products for comic books and graphic novels based on the *Xena: Warrior Princess* television series. The first new series is set to launch in February 2018 with *Xena #1* from writer Meredith Finch (*Wonder Woman*, *Justice League Saga*, *Rose*)! Finch will be joined by husband David (X-Men, Wolverine), who will lend his legendary talents by serving as cover artist for the series debut issue!

Writer Meredith Finch says, "In an industry filled with strong female superheroes, Xena stands out as a woman who's only super power is her sheer strength of will and character. She has overcome tremendous obstacles to become a beacon of hope for her people and readers alike. I could not be more thrilled to have the opportunity to add to her mythos."

Meredith Finch is a comic book writer, best known for her work on DC Comic's *Wonder Woman* in 2011. Since, she has worked with a number of top publishers and most recently launched her first creator-owned series, *Rose*, in 2017.

The *Xena: Warrior Princess* franchise first expanded into comic books in 1997 with several series published by Topps Comics, including crossovers with their *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys* comics. Two years later, Dark Horse acquired the rights and published a fourteen-issue series. In 2006, Dynamite Entertainment acquired the rights, publishing *Xena: Warrior Princess* #1-4 (the "Contest of Pantheons" storyline) and a second series, subtitled *Dark Xena*. Also, two tongue-in-cheek crossover series materialized with Dynamite's long-running *Army of Darkness* series, as both *Xena* and *Army of Darkness* had roots at Renaissance Pictures and featured actor and cult film hero Bruce Campbell. In 2015, Dynamite reacquired the *Xena* license, publishing a new core series, an additional *Army of Darkness* crossover (subtitled *Forever and a Day*), and high-quality reprints of classic *Xena* comic books from the 1990s and early 2000s.

"We're proud to be the comic book home for *Xena: Warrior Princess*, now and for the future," says Nick Barrucci, CEO and Publisher of Dynamite. "The fit is perfect: between our library of licensed fantasy (*A Game of Thrones*, *Warlord of Mars*, *Army of Darkness*, *Wheel of Time*, etc.) and penchant for strong, charismatic female protagonists (*Sheena*, *Vampirella*, *Red Sonja*, *Barbarella*, and more), Dynamite is the perfect arena for the continuing adventures of Xena and Gabrielle! And there could not be a better writer than Meredith Finch to convey Xena's strength and power, and we're thrilled to have the opportunity to work with both Meredith and David on this exciting new launch!"

*Xena #1* will be solicited in Diamond Comic Distributors' December 2017 Previews catalog, the premier source of merchandise for the comic book specialty market, and slated for release in February 2018. Comic book fans are encouraged to reserve copies of *Xena #1* with their local comic book retailers. *Xena #1* will also be available for individual customer purchase through digital platforms courtesy of Comixology, Kindle, iBooks, Google Play, Dynamite Digital, iVerse, Madefire, and Dark Horse Digital.

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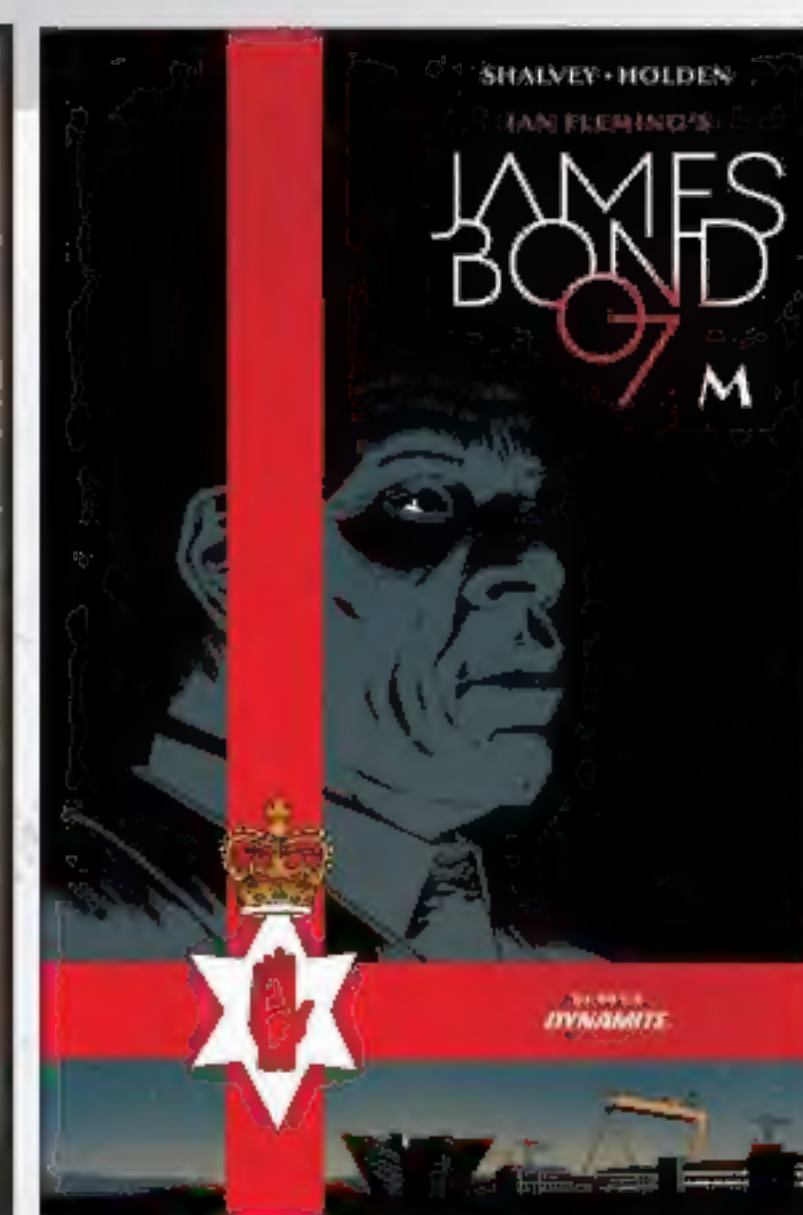
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